scales is being allowed to some States/UTs in view of special circumstance prevailing there. Accordingly, about 3.35 lakh tonnes of sugar is being allotted as levy for distribution under the Public Distribution System. In addition to the above, Government releases about one lakh tonnes per annum as festival quota which is allotted to the States/UTs in proportion to their monthly levy allocations. An ad-hoc increase of 5 per cent in the monthly levy sugar quota of all States/UTs allowed since August, 1991, keeping in view the increase availability of sugar at that time, has been withdrawn with effect from the levy sugar allocation of April, 1994, on account of the decline in sugar production in two consecutive sugar seasons, i.e. 1992-93 and 1993-94.

On the above basis, the allocation of levy sugar to the State of Orissa during the last three years is given as under:

	(M.Ts)
[i] Normal Monthly Quota of levy sugar	12,393
(ii) Monthly 5% ad-hoc increase (allowed from August, 1991 to March 1994)	620
(iii) Yearly festival quota	3,730

(c) Orissa Government has requested to enhance their monthly levy sugar quota to 14,500 M.Ts on the basis of the projected population of 1994.

(d) and (e) In view of the decline in sugar production during the last two consecutive sugar seasons, i.e. 1992-93 and 1993-94, it has not been possible till yet to enhance the levy sugar allocations of the States/UTs.

Export of wheat and rice

6790. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wheat and rice are being exported from the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that India's ports do not have facilities to handle grains in such a big quantity and that there is no arrangements for determining the quality of grains for export: and

(c) if so, what measures are being taken to expedite such exports?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Only non-durum wheat and fine/superfine/Basmati rice have been allowed to be exported in 95-96 so far.

(b) The Ministry of Surface Transport has informed that adequate facilities are available at Indian Ports for export of foodgrains if exports are planned and made in a regular manner.

(c) A high level Committee has been set up to examine aspects of export by F.C.I. and/or sale of wheat and rice by F.C.I. for export purposes. A number of interministerial coordination meetings have been held in the Ministry of Food to locate constraints in export of foodgrains and to seek solutions thereof.

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6791. प्रो. राम बक्श सिंह : क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :—

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश में भारतीय खाद्य निगम के स्थायी और अस्थायी गोदामों की जिला-वार संख्या कितनी-कितनी है;

(ख) वर्ष 1993-94 से किन किन जिलों के अस्थायी गोदामों में खाद्यान्न सड़ रहा है;